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### Eulogy By Mayor Parkill.

At the regular meeting of Owosso Lodge of Elks Tuesday evening, S. E. Parkill delivered the following eloquent eulogy on the life of L. A. Hamblin, who died recently. Mr. Hamblin being one of the best known and most loved members of the order:

Who hath not lost a friend?  
Who, looking into the shadow land beyond the grave cannot see faces and hear voices now forever hidden to mortal sense?

If such there be, for him our Sacred hour of Eleven has no meaning and our toast "To our absent brothers" is but empty sentiment.

We are gathered tonight in our annual lodge of sorrow, with no alien soul beside to disturb our family circle, to speak of our brothers who have passed into the beyond, to recall their virtues, to forget their faults and to draw inspiration from their example and accomplishments.

Lawrence A. Hamblin was a fine example of what an Elk should be. He represented the best things in his fraternity, as he stood for the best things in citizenship and good government in his community.

Tribute has already been paid to our Brother's good qualities, perhaps only his most intimate friends can add to that eulogy to his memory.

Lawrence A. Hamblin was not an ordinary citizen whose identity was merged in the great majority of mankind. From my point of view, he was a most unusual member of society, not aggressive it is true, not pushing and thrusting his way into public notice, not so glib of tongue that he attracted attention by his professions: so our Brother was regarded by many of superficial acquaintance, as among the great number of easy-going and indifferent citizens who, while right personally, are content to let things drift along, or right themselves.

I do not believe Lawrence Hamblin lived this colorless kind of life, or would wish to be remembered in this passive fashion. His was not the careless good fellowship that forgot its own obligations or overlooked wholly the lapses from duty on the part of others. Our Brother was of the few, not of the many. Not only just himself, he hated injustice; he deplored the lawlessness of others and was a generous contributor to the support of law and order movements, and a dispenser of charity, large in proportion to his means, for his was a kindly, sympathetic nature.

Brother Hamblin could not well be otherwise. It was his fortune to be well born. His mother, Cassie Hathaway, was one of God's noblewomen who thought more of other people's sorrows and trials than of her own. She spent her life in the service of others, was an abolitionist in the early days when it required courage, even in the north, to be a supporter of that cause, was a friend of William Lloyd Garrison, and later of Frederick Douglass and many other workers, including that good old soul, Sojourner Truth. Her family was active in that secret underground railway that gave freedom, life and hope to many an escaping slave, and her last illness was the result of exposure while on an errand of mercy. It is such women and such mothers who, perhaps unconsciously, lay the foundation of free government and preserve its traditions. So our Brother's early training was good, and the lessons he learned "at that best academy, a mother's knee" remained with him through life.

I can offer no higher tribute to our brother than this:

If all citizens were as peaceful, as just, as law abiding, as generous, as careful of the rights of others, as earnest in supporting law, order, morality, and all the functions of good government as was our Brother, most of the problems of the state and society would be solved. There would be no saloons, no gambling dens, no questionable resorts, for he was too just to engage in the business himself or to be a patron when conducted by others. The functions of the policeman would be limited to

that of a fire patrol, the criminal docket would be a blank, and a half-dozen judges could attend to all the court business in the state of Michigan. The professional politician, the heeler, the dishonest administrator of the law and the unfaithful official would pass away as quietly as the dew before the morning's sunshine, and their places would know them no more forever.

Not that our Brother had no faults. Not that his actions were always wise or unfailingly just—human nature has its limitations—I am not speaking of the incidental—wrongs that spring from a man's sudden impulse, but rather of those that are deliberate, planned, determined and aggressive. And of these I believe our Brother to have been innocent.

I am recalling that which was admirable in our friend. "The faults of our brothers, we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory."

Our Brother has now solved the greatest mystery of life, which is Death. He journeyed into the beyond as quietly as he lived, and without fear that he should "meet his pilot face to face when he had crossed the bar." If the highest thought of all the centuries past, if the in-born longing of every human soul has pointed the way, then our Brother has entered into the companionship of the best of all the ages and has passed to where, "beyond these voices—there is peace."

### Ives—Royce.

Ada L. Royce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Royce, formerly of this city, was married Thanksgiving day at the family home in Ann Arbor to Mr. Albert Ives, of Dearborn. Mr. and Mrs. Ives, of Dearborn, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Royce, of Corunna, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Haskell, of this city, attended the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Ives will be at home at Dearborn after Dec. 15.

### Russell-Smith.

Miss Ida, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Smith, of New Haven township, and Mr. Glen Russell, of Owosso, were married at the home of the bride Wednesday afternoon by Rev. A. B. Leonard, twenty-two guests being present. They will reside on Elizabeth street. Mr. Russell is an employee of the Press-American and a member of the Odd Fellows; and has made many friends since coming to Owosso from Ithaca a few months ago. Mrs. Russell was a popular New Haven township girl.

### Death of Henry Wentz.

Henry Wentz, one of the best known and highly respected German residents of Owosso, died at his home on King street Sunday, aged 80 years. He was born in Germany in 1826 and came to America in 1856 and lived in Ohio for a while, then moving to Bennington township in this county, where he lived twelve years, coming from there to Owosso. He was married in 1850 to Christina Bender, who survives him, and ten children were born to them, four of whom are living. Mr. Wentz was for many years a member of the Evangelical Association church and the funeral services were held at the church on Tuesday, Rev. P. H. Pohly officiating.

### Death of Jacob M. Good.

Jacob M. Good, died at his home on West Main street, Friday night, aged 62 years, of cancer of the bowels. He has been sick quite a while. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at the Evangelical church, Rev. P. H. Pohly officiating. Mr. Good has lived in Owosso since 1869, his birth place being in Switzerland. He was a well known resident of this city and was an active member of the Odd Fellows. He is survived by a widow and seven children, Mrs. Arthur Style, of Lyons; Mrs. S. F. Meister, of Saginaw; Mrs. H. Grate, of Cleveland; Edwin Good, of New Market, Florida; S. H. Good, of Dayton, Ohio, and Misses Mame and Helen Good, of Owosso.

### Pastor Called.

At a meeting of the First Baptist church Friday evening the board of deacons unanimously recommended that the church extend a call to Rev. Francis L. Church of Lambertville, N. J., to become pastor. The recommendation was accepted and a unanimous call extended. Rev. Church has signified his acceptance and will begin his duties January first. He is a young man, a graduate of the University of Michigan and the Newton Theological seminary. He was pastor at Pittsfield, Mass., and has been two years at Lambertville. Both Mr. and Mrs. Church are Michigan people and the acceptance of the call to Owosso from a very desirable pastorate in New Jersey was partly because of their desire to return to Michigan.

### Owosso Left Off the Route.

According to the Milford Times, Owosso, Corunna, Bancroft and Byron have been left off the map by the Detroit, Saginaw and Grand Rapids Ry.—the motor line which we heard so much about some months ago and for which Owosso citizens refused to contribute \$500 until they were "shown." The line now is declared to run from Detroit in a northwesterly direction through Southfield, Franklin, North Farmington, Walled Lake, Wixom, Milford, Highland Corners, Hartland, Parshallville, Hodgeburg, Deerfield Center, Oak Grove, Union Plains, Durand, Vernon, Hazelton, Judd's Corners, New Lotrop, Layton's Corners, Prairie Farm, Saginaw, Bay City, and from New Lotrop a point 25 miles south of Saginaw, due west through Easton, Six Mile Creek, Chapin, Elsie, Eureka, Maple Rapids, Hubbardston, Palo, Shiloh, Chadwick, Belding, Cook's Corners, Grattan, Cannonsburg, Plainfield, Mill Creek, and Grand Rapids. This traverses a virgin territory and just where the line will run next probably depends on what town will contribute \$500 "for the preliminary survey," etc. Let's see, wasn't it stated in a business men's meeting not long ago that \$500 had been contributed by Bancroft and Byron citizens? And now they are out in the cold. How unkind!

### Circuit Court.

Edward Lemon has been given a divorce from Jennie Lemon on the ground of desertion. The case was tried Monday. The couple were married forty years ago and lived on a farm south of Corunna until two years ago when the wife left for Wyandotte to visit a son. She never returned to the farm and now lives in Owosso with another son. No contest was made, and the plaintiff, an old man, says he knows no reason why his wife left him. Their property has been divided, she receiving about \$1,300. A motion for temporary alimony in the divorce case of H. Thiemann vs. Isa D. Thiemann was denied on the ground that the defendant wife had property of her own from which she could secure a living.

An order was granted Monday to Mrs. Wm. Orth vesting in her the title to a lease given by the Graphite Mfg. Co. as security for money loaned the company by her late husband, the loans not having been paid.

Suit for \$5,000 damages has been commenced by John T. McCurdy for H. W. Phelps against Dr. V. C. Van Liew, of Lennon, claiming improper conduct with the plaintiff's wife.

Michael Rourke has commenced suit for \$1,000 damages against the Michigan Central railroad because of fires on his farm which he claims were started by sparks from the engines.

A decree was granted Bush & Bush Friday in the suit of Jacob Farver vs. Valentine Clay, the bill being to remove a cloud from a title.

Kate Albach Wright has commenced suit for divorce from Edward Wright, both of Owosso, charging non-support. They were married in June 1900 and separated last week.

Orange Hutchins, of Clare, has commenced suit for possession of the feed barn in Corunna, claiming A. L. Coste has failed to pay for the same.

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A man coming here and wanting to get on a paying basis, sweet potatoes is a crop he can go into without any expense. He can get his vines and slips for almost nothing, and by preparing his ground and doing a little cultivating, he can have a good crop within four months. The market is generally 15 cents per pound and a man can raise 300 bushels to the acre on ordinary ground. At 50 pounds to the bushel and 1 and 4 cents per pound, the grower gets \$150 per acre.

There are other crops one can grow that will take a little more labor and some more expense. Tomatoes mature here in about the same length of time as in the states. For two seasons I have planted the Redfield Beauty. This year I am trying four of the larger varieties, and they are very promising. I figure 200 bushels to the acre as a low, safe estimate on the yield. They can be made to yield more than that. I get \$2-40 per bushel here in the market. I raise two crops per year and the price has been the same at all seasons so far. For fall planting I put the seeds out in the beds in August, and they are ready for transplanting in September, and the crop is ready for picking by December. You can continue to pick good salable fruit for two months after commencing. I consider tomatoes one of the most profitable crops I grow. The next most profitable crop I raise is cabbages. You put out the plants in September and commence marketing in December. I can grow them to weigh five and six pounds, and with a little fertilizer one can grow them to weigh twelve pounds. Egg plant does well, but I have not raised any yet. Radishes thrive here and are marketed the same as other vegetables. I plant the same varieties of potatoes as in the states. You get two crops each year. Potatoes sell on the local markets at from 3 cents to 5 cents per pound."

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